IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Tetsuhiro NAKAMURA

Group Art Unit: 2818

Serial Number: 10/088,489

Examiner: Renee R. Berry

Filed: March 26, 2002

PTO Confirmation No.: 4917

For: ELECTROLESS PLATING METHOD

Attorney Docket No.: 020264

Customer No.: 38834

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

February 12, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.